



**Immanuel  
Lutheran**  
of Evanston

**Reformation Sunday  
Joint Worship, Immanuel and St. Paul**

**10:30 A.M. Worship with Eucharist  
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# Welcome!

**Immanuel Lutheran Church is a Reconciling in Christ congregation.**

**We welcome people of every age and size, color and culture, every sexual orientation and gender identity, socio-economic status and marital status, every ability and challenge.**

**We welcome believers and questioners, and questioning believers.**

We're glad God has called you here today! If you're a guest, please feel free to introduce yourself to our pastor or assisting minister. If you would, sign the guest book in the Gathering Area or fill in a guest card, and we'll be happy to send information on how you can get involved at Immanuel.

## Facilities

- Our parking lot is located on the south side of the church off Sherman Avenue. You may park in the lot at any time, whether for church events or for shopping or other errands in downtown Evanston; weekdays, see the church office at the Lake St. entrance to get a parking pass. On Sundays, additional parking is available across the street at the Holiday Inn or in Lot 6 on Lake St. across from the Police and Fire Headquarters. Parking meters are free until 1:00 P.M. on Sunday.
- The parking lot entrance is an accessible entrance. An elevator is located just inside that door.
- Restrooms are downstairs near the meeting of the two hallways. Accessible restrooms are located near the elevator on both upper and lower levels. A gender-neutral restroom is located on the lower level by the elevator.
- We love having children in worship! Activity bags are available from the greeters. There is a nursery and changing/crying room for parents to use, if needed, located downstairs. There are also changing tables in both restrooms on this level, by the elevator. An usher will be happy to direct you.
- Hearing assistance is available. Ask an usher for equipment.
- Wi-Fi is available throughout most of the building. The network is "Immanuel," password "allarewelcome". Please use the Internet responsibly!

## About Our Worship

Our Sunday worship is organized around the proclamation of the Word of God and the celebration of the Lord's Supper. It has a familiar form each week, but the content changes for each service according to a calendar shared with many other Christians. Our hymnal, *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*, is organized so that page numbers for the liturgy are in the front part of the book, while hymn numbers are in the second part. The liturgy and hymns are printed in this bulletin, but page numbers are provided for those who wish to follow along in the hymnal.

## Receiving Holy Communion

We invite you to share with us in the sacramental meal, because Christ himself invites you! There is no specific age requirement for Communion. If you would like your child to commune, please let the pastor know. Today we will be receiving Communion in a continuous fashion. As the ushers direct, come forward and join the line for your side. Receive the bread in the palm of your hand. (Gluten-free wafers are available. Just ask the pastor.) You may eat it immediately, then take the silver chalice and drink the wine from it or, if you prefer, take a small cup from the tray. The cups in the outer ring contain wine. The cups in the two inner rings contain alcohol-free grape juice. As you return to your seat, place your empty cup in the trays provided at the ends of the front pews. Return to your place via the side aisles after you have communed. If you need to have Communion brought to you, please sit on or near the aisle, and let either the pastor or an usher know before the service that you would like to commune at your seat. If you desire a blessing but not the sacrament, you are invited to come forward with everyone else and fold your arms over your chest to indicate this.

## Gathering: *The Holy Spirit assembles us as the People of God ...*

*On this day we celebrate the heart of our faith: the gospel of Christ—the good news—that makes us free! We pray that the Holy Spirit would continue to unite the church today in its proclamation and witness to the world. In the waters of baptism we are made one body; we pray for the day that all Christians will also be one at the Lord's table. As a sign of our oneness in Christ, we come together today as one assembly from two congregations who share in the vision of a church that is constantly being made new, and that depends entirely on God's grace.*

**P:** Presiding Minister    **L:** Leader/Assisting Minister    **R:** Reader    **A:** Assembly  
+ All may make the sign of the cross.

**Pre-Service Music**      *Variations on "Ein feste Burg" ("A Mighty Fortress is Our God")*    *Bach, et. al.*

*The Assembly stands when directed and turns toward the font.*

### Confession and Forgiveness

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,  
the strength of our ancestors,  
the host of this meal,  
the builder of the city that is to come.

**A Amen.**

P If we have died with Christ, we will also live with Christ.  
Let us confess our sin to the one who is faithful.

*Silence for reflection.*

God our helper,

**A we confess the many ways  
we have failed to live as your disciples.  
We have not finished what we began.  
We have feasted with friends but ignored strangers.  
We have been captivated by our possessions.  
Lift our burdens, gracious God.  
Refresh our hearts and forgive our sin.  
Raise us to the new life you have chosen for us  
in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

P There is rejoicing in heaven when sinners repent.  
Put your trust in these promises:  
God will never leave you or forsake you.  
You who were lost have been found!  
For the sake of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.  
Rejoice with the angels at this good news!

**A Amen.**

Gathering Song

"A Mighty Fortress is Our God" Hymnal 504

The Assembly turns to face the back doors. You may reverence the cross as it passes you, then turn to face forward.

1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a sword and shield vic -  
 2 No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, re -  
 3 Though hordes of dev - ils fill the land all threat - 'ning to de -  
 4 God's Word for - ev - er shall a - bide, no thanks to foes, who

to - rious; he breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod and  
 ject - ed. But now a cham - pion comes to fight, whom  
 vour us, we trem - ble not, un - moved we stand; they  
 fear it; for God him - self fights by our side with

wins sal - va - tion glo - rious. The old sa - tan - ic foe  
 God him - self e - lect - ed. You ask who this may be?  
 can - not o - ver - pow'r us. Let this world's ty - rant rage;  
 weap - ons of the Spir - it. Were they to take our house,

has sworn to work us woe! With craft and dread - ful might  
 The Lord of hosts is he! Christ Je - sus, might - y Lord,  
 in bat - tle we'll en - gage! His might is doomed to fail;  
 goods, hon - or, child, or spouse, though life be wrenched a - way,

he arms him - self to fight. On earth he has no e - qual.  
 God's on - ly Son, a - dored. He holds the field vic - to - rious.  
 God's judg - ment must pre - vail! One lit - tle word sub - dues him.  
 they can - not win the day. The king - dom's ours for - ev - er!

## Greeting

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

## A And also with you!

**Kyrie** *The Leader sings the bids, and the Assembly sings the "Lord, have mercy" and "Amen."*

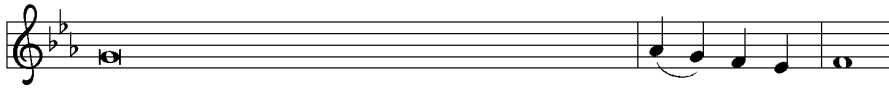
**Hymnal p. 98**



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



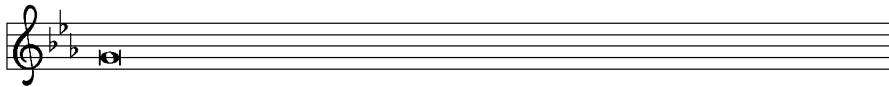
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



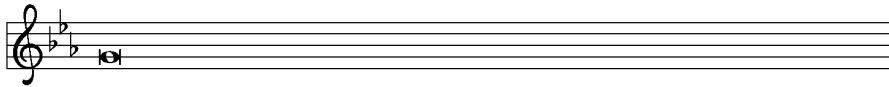
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



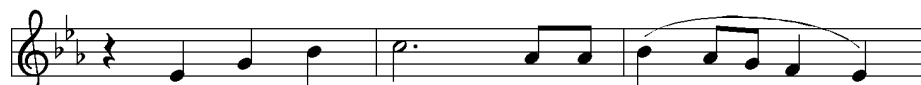
Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.




A - men, a - men.

# Canticle of Praise

Hymnal p. 99




Glo - ry to God in the high -




est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and



Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we



praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus



Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,



Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the



right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a -



lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the Most High,



Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it, in the glo - ry of

[cont.]

God the Fa - ther. A - men.  
 Glo - ry to God in the high -  
 est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

### Prayer of the Day

**P** Let us pray. Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**A Amen.**

### Welcome and Announcements

**Word:** *God speaks to us in scripture, preaching, and song*

### Reading from the Hebrew Scriptures

**Jeremiah 31:31-34**

**R** A reading from the Prophet Jeremiah.

*The renewed covenant will not be breakable, but like the old covenant it will expect the people to live upright lives. To know the Lord means that one will defend the cause of the poor and needy (Jer. 22:16). The renewed covenant is possible only because the Lord will forgive iniquity and not remember sin. Our hope lies in a God who forgets.*

<sup>31</sup>The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. <sup>32</sup>It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. <sup>33</sup>But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

<sup>34</sup>No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the LORD,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.”

**R** Word of God, word of life.

**A Thanks be to God!**

*God is our refuge, a help in all our griefs and adversities, which daily come upon us.  
The Lord is our strength, a help in all our griefs and adversities, which daily come upon us.*

**Reading from the New Testament**

**Romans 3:19–28**

R A reading from the Letter to the Romans.

*Paul’s words stand at the heart of the preaching of Martin Luther and other Reformation leaders. No human beings make themselves right with God through works of the law. We are brought into a right relationship with God through the divine activity centered in Christ’s death. This act is a gift of grace that liberates us from sin and empowers our faith in Jesus Christ.*

<sup>19</sup>Now we know that whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. <sup>20</sup>For “no human being will be justified in his sight” by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.

<sup>21</sup>But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, <sup>22</sup>the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, <sup>23</sup>since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; <sup>24</sup>they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, <sup>25</sup>whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to show his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; <sup>26</sup>it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus.

<sup>27</sup>Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. <sup>28</sup>For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

R Word of God, word of life.

**A Thanks be to God!**

*The Assembly stands to greet the Good News of Jesus.*

**Gospel Acclamation**

**Hymnal p. 102**

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

*Repeat alleluia*

If you continue in my word, you are truly

| my disciples, \* and you will know the truth, and the truth will | make you free.



## Gospel

John 8:31-36

P This is the Good News of Jesus Christ according to John.

**A Glory to you, O Lord!**

*Jesus speaks of truth and freedom as spiritual realities known through his word. He reveals the truth that sets people free from sin.*

<sup>31</sup>Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; <sup>32</sup>and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." <sup>33</sup>They answered him, "We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, 'You will be made free'?"

<sup>34</sup>Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. <sup>35</sup>The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. <sup>36</sup>So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

**A Praise to you, O Christ!**

*The Alleluia portion of the Gospel Acclamation is sung once again. The Assembly is then seated.*

## Sermon

### Time of Silence

*A bell will sound to signal a time of silence for reflection.*

*During this time, you may want to meditate on one word from the scriptures or from the sermon that stands out to you, asking the Spirit to show you how it applies to your own life.*

*When the bell sounds a second time, the Assembly stands to respond to the Word with song.*

1 We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,  
 2 We all are called for ser - vice, to wit - ness in God's name.  
 3 Now let us be u - nit - ed, and let our song be heard.

our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.  
 Our min - is - tries are dif - f'rent; our pur - pose is the same;  
 Now let us be a ves - sel for God's re - deem - ing Word.

A sin - gle great com - mis - sion com - pels us from a - bove  
 to touch the lives of oth - ers with God's sur - pris - ing grace,  
 We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,

to plan and work to - geth - er that all may know Christ's love.  
 so ev - 'ry folk and na - tion may feel God's warm em - brace.  
 our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.

## **The Nicene Creed**

**L** With the whole Church, let us profess our faith.

**A** **We believe in one God,**

**the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,**

**the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation**

**he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary  
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,**

**who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the + resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## Prayers of the People

L Knowing the one in whom we trust, and with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all in need.

L God, our refuge and strength, you make all things new. Reform your church so that our life together bears witness to your unmerited love. We pray for our bishops, Elizabeth and Yehiel; for our shepherds, Keith and Pam; for the leaders of our assemblies; and for all those you have gathered here in your name. Free us from sin and write the law of love on our hearts. Lord, in your mercy,

**A hear our prayer.**

L Reform our relationships with you, with one another, and with all creation. Restore this good earth, the home you entrust to our care. Enrich soils, cleanse waters, and purify the air. Lord, in your mercy,

**A hear our prayer.**

L Bring an end to war and to the violence that shakes the nations and worries your people. When voices of fear threaten to overwhelm us, fill the earth with your peace and strength. Lord, in your mercy,

**A hear our prayer.**

L Be the present help of those suffering the tumult of illness, poverty, abandonment, and uncertainty. Bring your calm and healing to those in need, remembering especially those we name now aloud or in the silence of our hearts [...]. Be to them a mighty fortress and a strong shield. Lord, in your mercy,

**A hear our prayer.**

L In this assembly, O Lord, we are all sinners and saints. In our dealings with one another and in our witness in the world, help us trust in your mercy, freely offering others the same grace you have extended to us. Lord, in your mercy,

**A hear our prayer.**

L And now, sisters and brothers, for what else shall we pray?

*The petitions and thanksgivings of the Assembly, silent or spoken aloud, are invited.*

L Lord, in your mercy,

**A hear our prayer.**

L We remember before you those who have died in Christ and now live in the fullness of salvation, remembering especially the Blessed Apostles Simon and Jude. We trust your presence now, even as we wait for your glory to be revealed. Lord, in your mercy,

**A hear our prayer.**

P Trusting and delighting in you, we commend all our lives into your loving hands. We offer these prayers in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**A Amen.**

## Reflection on Gratitude and Generosity, Prayer

## Peace

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

### A And also with you.

*Greet one another in the peace of the Risen Christ, saying "Peace be with you," "The peace of the Lord," or similar words. If you prefer not to shake hands, you might raise your hand in a gesture of blessing as you speak peace to your neighbors. After the Peace, all return to their seats.*

**Meal:** *God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ ...*

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**Offering** *An offering is gathered for doing God's mission, including the care of those in need.*

*If you wish your offering to go to the congregation of which you are a part, please place it in an envelope and indicate this. If you are giving by check, please write the congregation name on the memo line.*

*All loose offerings with go to Evanston Interfaith Action, which serves our homeless neighbors.*

### Offering Music

*"Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Thy Word" Dietrich Buxtehude  
Kim Lawson, Elena Spiegel, violin; Merrick Jones, cello*

*Lord, keep us steadfast in Thy Word;  
Curb those who fain by craft and sword  
Would wrest the Kingdom from Thy Son  
And set at naught all He hath done.*

*Lord, Jesus Christ, Thy Pow'r make known,  
For Thou art Lord of lords alone;  
Defend Thy Christendom that we  
May evermore sing praise to Thee.*

*O Comforter of priceless worth,  
Send peace and unity on earth.  
Support us in our final strife,  
And lead us out of death to life.*

*Grant peace, we pray, in mercy, Lord,  
Peace in our time, oh, send us!  
For there is none on earth but Thee,  
None other to defend us.*

*Thou only, Lord canst fight for us.  
Give to our people, give to our people,  
To all that be in power, to all that be in power,  
Peace, peace, peace,  
peace and good government,  
peace and good government,  
That by their protection  
We may lead a quiet and peaceful life alway  
In all godliness  
and in all honesty. Amen.*

## Presentation of the Gifts

"Bread of Life, Our Host and Meal" Hymnal 464

*The Assembly stands and sings as the gifts are brought forward.*

1. Bread of life, our host and meal, Je - sus, feed us.  
2. Bread now break and wine now pour, Je - sus, feed us.  
3. Grant for - give - ness in the feast, Je - sus, feed us

Christ, by faith, to see and feel, feed us with your love.  
Make us one, our hope re - store; feed us with your love.  
for the great - est and the - least; feed us with your love.

The musical score is written for piano accompaniment in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of two systems of staves. The first system contains three lines of lyrics, and the second system contains three lines of lyrics. The melody is primarily in the right hand, with a simple harmonic accompaniment in the left hand.

## Offering Prayer

L Let us pray.

**A Blessed are you, O Lord our God, maker of all things.  
Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts.  
With them we offer ourselves to your service  
and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption  
of all that you have made,  
for the sake of him who gave himself for us,  
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## The Great Thanksgiving

### Dialogue

P The Lord be with you!

**A And also with you!**

P Lift up your hearts!

**A We lift them up to the Lord!**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God!

**A It is right to give our thanks and praise!**

**Preface** *The Presiding Minister begins the prayer:*

P It is indeed right to give you our thanks and praise, O God, for you have dealt wondrously with us and saved us for your heavenly kingdom. Throughout all of history, you have shown your grace to your people, and called on us to a life of gracious response to your love. You are our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in time of trouble. Through your prophets, you called your people to live in love for you and for the neighbor, promising to write your law upon our hearts so that all would know you.

In Jesus the Christ, your Child and our brother, you spoke your truth into our world in human form, a truth that would set us free. Through him, you pour out your Spirit like rain on all flesh, and your people bring forth a wonderful harvest of visions, prophesies, and songs of praise.

Therefore, with hearts full of gratitude, we sing joyfully, giving thanks to you, who are both Father and Mother to us, at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. We join our voices with the Blessed Apostles Simon and Jude, and with all your holy ones of all times and places. With earth and all its creatures, with sun, moon, and stars, with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your Name, and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, Holy, Holy** *The Assembly joins in singing:*

**Hymnal, p. 144**

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of  
pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the  
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## Thanksgiving at the Table

P Holy God, you alone are holy, you alone are God.  
The universe declares your praise:  
beyond the stars; beneath the sea;  
within each cell; with every breath.

### A We praise you, O God!

P Generations bless your faithfulness:  
through the water; by night and day;  
across the wilderness; out of exile; into the future.

### A We bless you, O, God!

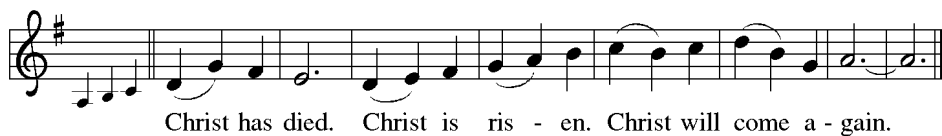
P We give you thanks for your dear Son:  
at the heart of human life; near to those who suffer;  
beside the sinner; among the poor; with us now.

### A We thank you, O, God!

P In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering his love for us on the way, at the table, and to the end,  
we proclaim the mystery of faith:



P We pray for the gift of your Spirit:  
in our gathering; within this meal;  
among your people; throughout the world.

Blessing, praise, and thanks to you, holy God, through Christ Jesus,  
by your Spirit, in your church, without end.





## The Lord's Prayer

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

**A Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.**

**Your kingdom come, your will be done**

**on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,**

**now and forever. Amen.**

## The Breaking of the Bread and Invitation

L Taste and see that the Lord is good!

**A Thanks be to God!**

## Distribution of Holy Communion

*The Assembly is seated. Please come forward as the ushers direct, and as you are able.*

*See the inside front cover for instructions concerning Holy Communion.*

## Communion Song

"Lamb of God" Hymnal p. 112



## Communion Song

"I Come with Joy" Hymnal 482



1 I come with joy, a child of God, for - giv - en, loved, and  
2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to find, as all are  
3 As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share, each proud di - vi - sion  
4 The Spir - it of the ris - en Christ, un - seen, but ev - er  
5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound by all that God has



free, the life of Je - sus to re - call in  
fed, the new com - mu - ni - ty of love in  
ends. The love that made us, makes us one, and  
near, is in such friend - ship bet - ter known, a -  
done, we'll go with joy, to give the world the



love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.  
Christ's com - mu - nion bread, in Christ's com - mu - nion bread.  
strang - ers now are friends, and strang - ers now are friends.  
live a - mong us here, a - live a - mong us here.  
love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.

*The Assembly stands when directed by the Presiding Minister.*

## Blessing after Communion

P May the body and blood of our + Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you, and keep you in his grace.

**A Amen.**

## Post-Communion Song

“Praise the Lord, Rise Up Rejoicing” Hymnal 544



Praise the Lord, rise up re - joic - ing, wor - ship, thanks, de -  
Sins for - giv - en, wrongs for - giv - ing, we go forth a -



vo - tion and voic - ing: glo - ry be - to rit, God on and high!  
lert and liv - ing in your Spi - rit, strong and free.



Christ, your cross and pas - sion shar - ing, by this eu - cha -  
Part - ners in your new cre - a - tion, seek - ing peace in



rist de - clar - ing yours the fi - nal vic - to - ry.  
ev - 'ry na - tion, may we faith - ful fol - l'wers be.

## Prayer after Communion

L Let us pray. We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**A Amen.**

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**Sending:** *God blesses us, and sends us in mission to the world ...*

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**Sending Song**

“Thy Strong Word” [printed on next page] **Hymnal 233**

*Please turn as the cross passes you to face the doors through which you will be sent out in mission.*

**Blessing**

P Go now, rejoicing in the Lord your God. Respond generously to the grace that has been shown to you by living out the law of love both toward God and toward your neighbor.

And may God be your fortress and defense, a help in every trouble;  
may + Christ Jesus show you the truth;  
and may the Holy Spirit set you free to participate in making all things new.

**A Amen.**

**Dismissal**

L Go in peace. Live in love, as Christ loved us!

**A Thanks be to God!**

**Postlude**

*Please stay for a time of fellowship immediately following the service in Fellowship Hall.  
We will enjoy a potluck lunch together. Please come, whether you have brought food or not!  
Come enjoy one another's company and hear about all the opportunities for service and community!*

**Serving in worship today...**

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Preacher ..... Minister Pam Voves  
Assisting Minister..... Kit McCarthy  
Acolytes..... Chris Djuric, Tyler Hummel, Caroline Nakic  
Lectors ..... Dana Barron, Debbie Nelson  
Communion Ministers ..... Susan Ross, Terri Hummel, Louis Bell, Harvey Wolf  
Organist ..... Greg Hummel  
Violinist ..... Kim Lawson  
Violinist ..... Elena Spiegel  
Cellist..... Merrick Jones  
Table Preparation ..... Kim Miller  
Communion Bread.....Scott Romans  
Ushers..... Nicolai Schousboe, Kathy Kastilahn, Mary Williamson  
Altar Flowers ..... Andrea Knohl

## Thy Strong Word



1 Thy strong word did cleave the dark - ness; at thy  
 2 Lo, on those who dwelt in dark - ness, dark as  
 3 Thy strong Word be - speaks us righ - teous; bright with  
 4 From the cross thy wis - dom shin - ing break - eth



speak - ing it was done. For cre - at - ed light we  
 night and deep as death, broke the light of thy sal -  
 thine own ho - li - ness, glo - rious now, we press toward  
 forth in con - qu'ring might; from the cross for - ev - er



thank thee, while thine or - dered sea - sons run.  
 va - tion, breathed thine own life - breath - ing breath.  
 glo - ry, and our lives our hopes con - fess.  
 beam - eth all thy bright re - deem - ing light.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise to thee who light dost send!



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!

5 Give us lips to sing thy glory,  
 tongues thy mercy to proclaim,  
 throats that shout the hope that fills us,  
 mouths to speak thy holy name.  
 Alleluia! Alleluia!  
 May the light which thou dost send  
 fill our songs with alleluias,  
 alleluias without end!

6 God the Father, light-creator,  
 to thee laud and honor be.  
 To thee, Light of Light begotten,  
 praise be sung eternally.  
 Holy Spirit, light-revealer,  
 glory, glory be to thee.  
 Mortals, angels, now and ever  
 praise the holy Trinity!

## **This Week's Commemorations**

### **Simon and Jude, Apostles**

**Monday, October 28, 2019**

We know little about these apostles. Simon is listed as "the zealot" or Cananean in New Testament lists. Jude, also called Thaddeus, asked Jesus at the Last Supper why he had revealed himself to the disciples but not to the world.

### **Reformation Day**

**Thursday, October 31, 2019**

By the end of the 17<sup>th</sup> century, many Lutheran churches celebrated a festival commemorating Martin Luther's posting of the Ninety-five Theses, a summary of abuses in the church of his time. At the heart of the reform movement was the gospel, the good news that it is by grace through faith that we are justified and set free.

### **All Saints Day**

**Friday, November 1, 2019**

The custom of commemorating all of the saints of the church on a single day goes back at least to the third century. All Saints Day celebrates the baptized people of God, living and dead, who make up the body of Christ. On this day or the following Sunday, many congregations will remember the faithful who have died during the past year.

## **Upcoming Events**

Tuesday, Oct. 29	North Shore Squares	7:00 PM
Wednesday, Oct. 30	Choir Practice	7:30 PM
Thursday, Oct. 31	Halloween	
	Wilmette Band Rehearsal	7:30 PM
Sunday, Nov. 3	All Saints Sunday	
	Daylight Saving Time Ends	
	Café Immanuel	9:00 AM
	Adult Spiritual Growth	9:00 AM
	Worship with Eucharist	10:30 AM



## Keep Moving

As we commemorate the Protestant Reformation, it is fitting that today's gospel reflects a core understanding that grew out of the wrestling of the reformers. Martin Luther's life and ministry were changed when the Apostle Paul's writings came alive for him. Being saved by grace through faith and not works was a revelation and gift for Luther. In Paul's reflections, such as today's second reading (*Rom. 3:19-28*), Luther came to understand the true nature of Christian freedom. John's gospel locates this freedom in knowing Jesus and in the work Jesus does to make people free. The Son making us free is indeed a gift.

God's people sought comfort in their status as descendants of Abraham, forgetting the years of slavery in Egypt and the new covenants God later gave to Moses and Jeremiah. These new steps in relationship with God became part of the people's old story, and they lost sight of how much change had happened as they journeyed in God's grace.

We commemorate the Reformation as a time when the freedom found in knowing Jesus and his saving work was brought back to the forefront. Five hundred years later it is easy for the newness of this message to be part of our old story. It is easy to look past how much has changed in our own lives and the life we share as the church. Our present experience can feel like a reflection of what has always been.

Jesus describes his word as the path to truth and encourages his disciples to "continue in my word" (*John 8:31*). To continue may be understood as remaining the same, but continuing in the word of Jesus means walking a path of transformation. This transformation grows out of repentance and forgiveness, life and death. It is a gift from Jesus. To continue in God's word is a call for the church to keep moving and to embrace the reform Jesus is creating in and among us each and every day.

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